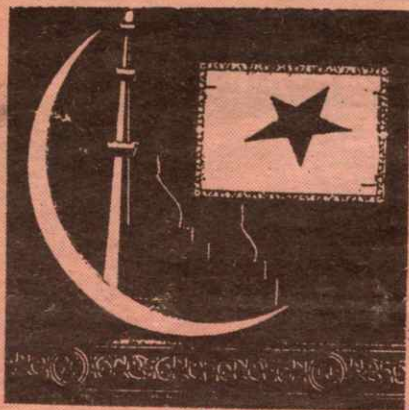
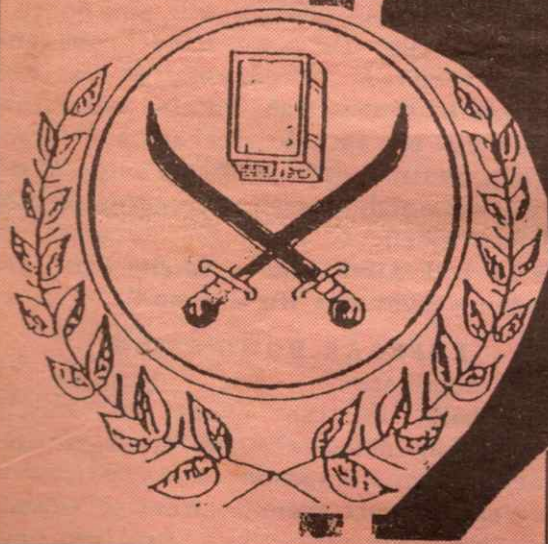
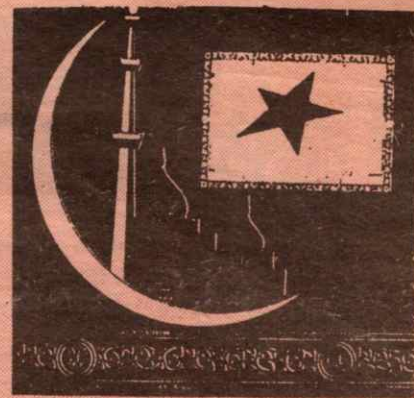




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REQUISITES FOR ALLAH'S AID

The course of events and the fate of nations are in the Power of Allah Ta'ala. It is by His Will and Decree that nations rise and fall. While events on earth are attributable to causes and agencies, the true Dispenser of affairs is Allah Ta'ala. Iraq has lost the war with disastrous and humiliating consequences. Allah Ta'ala has willed it so.

In terms of the Divine Law operable on earth Muslims will only achieve honour, success and political domination by means of righteousness and piety by way of submission to the Shariah of Allah Ta'ala. In the Qur'aan He states explicitly that He will grant political domination on earth to righteous and pious servants. Political domination for transgressing Muslims is not possible.

When Muslims flagrantly and persistently transgress and turn away from Islam, Divine Punishment will overtake them, for He says that He is "swift in punishment".

The Qur'aanic promises of Divine Aid, political domination and subjugation of the kuffaar are for righteous Muslims whose lives are glittering examples of the Sunnah inherited from the Sahaabah.

The essential requisites for victory over powerful kuffaar enemies were lacking in Iraq and its leadership. The defense against the kuffaar was thus shorn of blessings and deprived of Divine Aid notwithstanding the fact that the war was a Jihaad in Shar'i terms.

To confront and vanquish the kuffaar forces of the American-led coalition, Iraq possessed adequate material means. Its weaponry despite its technological inferiority comparatively speaking was adequate if the Mujaahideen were men of Islamic mettle. The army of

ALLAH- AZZA WA JAL- THE SOVEREIGN OF THE UNIVERSE!

"Say (O Muhammad)!

O Allah! Sovereign of the Universe. You award suzerainty to whom - ever you wish and You snatch suzerainty from whom ever You wish. You grant honour to whom - ever You wish and You disgrace whomever You wish. All Good - ness is in Your power. Verily, You have power over all things"

Qur'an

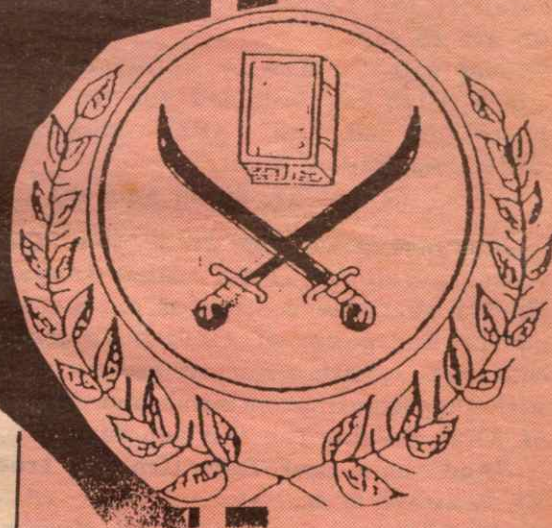
"It is He (Allah) who has made you rulers of the earth and He has elevated some of you in ranks over others so that He can test you in the bounties which He has bestowed to you. Verily, your Rabb is swift in punishment and most certainly He is Most-Forgiving, Most Merciful."

Qur'an

"He (Allah) has promised those among you who believe and practise righteous deeds that He will grant them political domin - ation on earth as He had granted suzerainty to those before them.

And He will surely establish for them their deen which He has chosen for them. And, after their fear (and defeat) He will substitute it with safety. They (The Righteous) worship Me. They do not associate anything (as partners) with me."

Qur'an



REQUISITES FOR ALLAH'S AID

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Iraq and the leadership of Iraq lacked in the spiritual (roohaani) capacity. It could, therefore, not overcome an enemy superior in worldly forces.

The army of Islam marches on its Imaan, not on its stomach as does the army of the kuffaar. But, without Imaani power, Iraq, militarily and technologically inferior, committed the fatal blunder of confronting savages whose weaponry far out-matched that of its own.

Iraq, a Muslim country like all other Muslim countries, never was an Islamic state. The Shariah had no say in the affairs of the Iraqi state. Since Allah's Shariah was not given acceptance by Iraq, it could not expect Allah's aid. The Qur'aan declares such aid for only the righteous and pious servants of Allah about whom the Qur'aan say: "AND IF WE GRANT THEM POLITICAL POWER ON EARTH, THEY ESTABLISH SALAAT, PAY ZAKAAT, COMMAND RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PROHIBIT EVIL."

In other words, to qualify for Divine Aid, the men waging Jihaad must necessarily be men of the orthodox Sunnah or 'fanatics' in the terminology of the modernists. The goal of such Mujaahideen will be Shahaadat (martyrdom) or Jannat. For such men the Qur'aan commands:

"DO NOT LOSE COURAGE AND DO NOT CALL FOR PEACE. YOU WILL BE VICTORIOUS AND ALLAH IS WITH YOU. NEVER WILL HE LET YOUR DEEDS GO TO WASTE."

When the motive of the Mujaahideen is Allah's Pleasure and the Aakhirah, then suing for peace, retreating and submitting to the humiliation of the kuffaar are unknown quantities. But those motivated by worldly goals can find the miserable humiliation imposed by the kuffaar tolerable.

IRAQ ~ THE OUTCOME ~ A NEED FOR SOUL-SEARCHING

While the outcome of the Gulf conflict has devastated the hearts and the emotions of all Muslims who cherish the Brotherhood of Islam, the situation calls for an intelligent appraisal in the light of Islamic teaching and spirit. Firstly, Allah Ta'ala announces in the Qur'aan Majeed that when calamity and hardship overtake the Ummah, we are to say:

"Never will a calamity befall us, but that which Allah has ordained for us. He is our Protector, and on Allah should the Mu'minoon repose trust."

(Aayat 51, Surah Taubah)

It is quite evident from this Qur'aanic verse as well as from other aayaat and ahadith that the destiny of nations is in the control and power of Allah Azza Wa Jala. In this vast creation not an atom can stir but with the direct command and intervention of Allah Ta'ala. The Qur'aan says:

"And not a leaf falls (from a tree), but He is aware of it."

It should thus be clear to all Muslims that every decision and every event are by the Command of Allah Ta'ala. The result of the Gulf conflict has, therefore, to be accepted by Muslims with Sabr and willing resignation to the Will of Allah Ta'ala.

Allah Ta'ala also says in the Qur'aan Majeed:

"There is no calamity which befalls (people) but with the Command of Allah."

Indeed the calamity which has befallen the Ummah in general and Iraq in particular by way of Iraq's military defeat is great and heart-breaking for us all. But, Allah Azza Wa Jal has also said in the Qur'aan Shareef: **"Their (causing of) harm is only by the permission of Allah."**

THE OUTCOME

The final result of the war in Iraq was not the making of Saddam Husain or of Bush. While the kuffaar led by Bush were the ostensible or the worldly cause of the disastrous setback suffered by Iraq, the actual Dispenser and Decider of the war was Allah Ta'ala, the Creator and Sovereign of the universe. We hurl our epithets at Bush and his gangs of murderers and we castigate those Muslim countries which participated in the kaafir action of aggression against their Brother, Iraq. This is all within the confines of the Shariah since we are required to formulate our judgement on the basis of the **Zaahiri** (overt and external) Shar'i Law. But, all decisions are ultimately made in the higher celestial realms. Bush and his allies were merely cogs in the Machine of Divine Wrath which has settled over the Ummah. These kuffaar are in fact the scourges appointed by Divine Wrath to chastise Muslims for their wanton disregard of the Shariah.

ALLAH'S PUNISHMENT

Hadith narrations make it quite plain that the ultimate consequence of persistent and flagrant violation of the Shariah will be punished here on earth in a variety of ways. One form of divine chastisement for our transgression is the infliction of terrible punishment at the hands of the kuffaar. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has said that Allah Ta'ala will overwhelm us with such cruel and brutal rulers who will show neither respect to our elders nor mercy to our little ones. If we look at the heart-rending and murderous bombing to which Iraq was subjected we shall not fail to discern the truth of Rasulullah's words. Bush and his allies have demonstrated themselves to be such tyrants and heartless beings who showed no respect for elders

nor mercy for little ones. Their mission was only to kill and devastate. The overwhelming majority of the casualties in the war is civilians—men, women and children who had no participation in the war. Allah Ta'ala had chosen His enemies and the enemies of the Ummah to mete out the punishment which Muslims had brought upon themselves.

SOUL-SEARCHING

There is much self-examination and soul-searching for Muslims to do. Undoubtedly, the result of the war is traumatic for us all. But, our grief should not lead to despondency. On the contrary, it is imperative that we examine all facets of our lives and channel every aspect of our life to conform with the Sunnah of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wadsallam). Muslims everywhere, not only in Iraq, are required to examine their lives in the mirror of Islam and reform themselves with the remedies provided by the Shariah. The grief of Iraq is the grief of all Muslims. Only those who have sold their souls to worldly love and in the process have donned the mantle of slavery to the west can feel some joy for the disaster which has befallen Iraq. But, Muslims who consider themselves and their Iraqi bretheren to be parts of the same Ummah today feel emotionally and intellectually in the same camp on which the disaster has befallen. We have, therefore, to awake from our lethargy and shake off the slumber which is gripping the Ummah.

Abandonment of the Shariah has deposited the Ummah into a state of inertia. There is no alertness, no perception of the dangers and no true understanding of the magnitude of the task ahead. As long as Muslims remain indifferent to Islam, they will perpetually dwell in a wilderness of deception and corruption. This is precisely the condition of the Ummah today.

REALIZATION

If the Ummah in general and Iraq in particular fail to acquire a lesson from this war of humiliation, then it can be said with certitude that the Ummah has reached the point of no return. If, inspite of the calamity which has befallen Iraq, Muslims cannot realize the causes, then there is no longer any hope. We have just to wait in our situation of disgrace and degeneration until Allah Ta'ala makes another decision for the Ummah.

If true realization dawns on Muslims, they will not fail to see that the cause for the defeat was gross and wanton neglect and abandonment of Islam. Islam has been banished from our homes, from our every day lives, hence Divine Aid was withheld from Iraq when it was most needed.

Trial upon trial and calamity on calamity befall Muslims wherever they happen to be in the world, but they fail to realize the cause of their misfortunes. They are repeatedly warned and reminded by the Ulama-e-Haqq that the sole cause for their hardships is their transgression—deliberate transgression—and their seeking guidance and direction from the enemies of Allah. But, it appears that the following Qur'aanic verse has now become applicable:

"Deaf, dumb and blind, they will not return (to the Path of Truth)"

The terrible punishment which Iraq has

suffered physically and the Ummah mentally by the brutal devastation wrought by the savages of America, Britain and France, is attributable to only our abandonment of Islam and substituting in its place the satanic culture of the kufr west. Hence, satanic forces have been given power and control over us. In this fact we have not the slightest vestige of doubt. It is not conceivable that Allah Ta'ala will grant ascendancy to satanic forces and place them in control over Muslims who submit to His Command, for He declares in the Qur'aan Majeed:

"NEVER will Allah grant to the kaafireen ascendancy over the Mu'mineen."

KUFFAAR DOMINATION

Kuffaar domination over Muslims is possible only in the event of Muslim transgression—not occasional transgression, but deliberate, flagrant and persistent transgression and abandonment of Islamic culture—the Sunnah. When Muslims have turned their backs onto the Sunnah and when Muslims look for guidance at the enemies of Allah and when Muslims destroy themselves spiritually and morally by total emulation and assimilation into the stream of kufr life, then they must only expect to be subjected to kuffaar domination in cruel and brutal ways such as have just been witnessed in Iraq.

ALLAH'S AID

Without Allah's aid Muslims cannot survive as a dignified, viable and dominant Ummah. Our existence here on earth is justified by only our adherence to Islam. Muslims who abandon Islam and adopt the ways of the kuffaar have no right to exist on earth. We are today leading a life of disgraceful serfdom and subjection under western domination because Allah Ta'ala has withheld His aid from us. The Qur'aan Shareef says:

"If Allah aids you, there will be none to dominate you and if He withholds His aid from you, then who is there besides Him to help you?"

It is clear that there is none to help Muslims. This has been demonstrated over and over again. Iraq has witnessed and experienced it at first hand. Its kaafir ally, Russia, turned its back at the time when Iraq most needed aid. Muslims must remember that whether it is Bush or Gorbachev, they are all of the same ilk. The Shariah says: **Kufr is one millat (nation)**. Whether the kufr is the kufr of America, of Britain or of Russia, it is of the same breed. They are all the enemies of Allah, the enemies of Islam and the enemies of Muslims. Muslims are being extremely naive and gullible to believe in the efficacy of pacts and friendship treaties with kuffaar. The only viable and strong and worthy treaty of friendship Muslims can have is their Bond with Allah Ta'ala. Muslims need to correct and reform their bond with Allah Ta'ala and they will then never need to seek refuge behind the skirts of the kuffaar who are all the agents of shaitaan. They all are perpetually involved in conspiracies to destroy Islam, the Muslims and swallow their lands. But, Muslims remain blind.

Allah's Aid for Muslims is dependent on upholding the Deen. This is the Qur'aanic declaration: **"O People of Imaan! If you aid Allah, He will aid you and He will plant your feet firmly."** No kaafir power will then be able to stand in your path. Our triumph is in only Islam. There is no other way and no other hope for us.

NO DEFEAT AND NO VICTORY

The fate suffered by Iraq in the Gulf war, while spiritually humiliating for Muslims, if viewed in worldly terms is neither defeat for Iraq nor victory for America and its allies. The coalition of aggressors are riding on the crest of a wave in their propaganda campaign to convince the world of their 'resounding victory' and the 'humiliating defeat' of Iraq. An unbiased appraisal of the conflict and the way in which the war was conducted manifests the incompetence, fear, cowardice and brutality of America and its allies in the coalition which was lined up against Iraq.

It should be remembered that 28 countries, including the world's super powers, had joined forces against a small 'third world' country. In addition to the massive arsenals of weaponry and firepower at the disposal of the American-led coalition, a world-wide embargo was placed on Iraq. Vital supplies and essential foodstuff were even cut off from Iraq by the blockade enforced by the aggressors. Iraq was thus hemmed in on all sides. However, in spite of the massive disparity of the combatants, the coalition led by the world's super powers displayed great fear and cowardice. Despite the inferiority of the Iraqi armed forces, the world's greatest military powers displayed cowardice and fear which are the necessary traits of kufr. We, therefore, witnessed that the forces of the kuffaar were not able to launch a direct and immediate attack against the army of Iraq—an army which was exposed for five months to the ravages of the desert.

To achieve their nefarious aims of their conspiracy, the American-led forces resorted to a cowardly and brutal air assault against a civilian population. The chief weapon employed by the aggressors was high altitude and merciless bombing. Over 80,000 air strikes were executed against Iraqi cities, towns and villages. Not even the detached nomads wandering about and setting up camp in the desert were spared from the brutal aggression of the Americans, British and French savages. In the darkness of the night, the camping fires of the wandering nomads attracted the gazes of the cruel pilots on missions of destruction. These nomads were mercilessly bombed while in their tents and so were small villages of mud-huts.

The overwhelming number of casualties consists of civilians, not soldiers. America waged a war of aggression primarily against the civilian population of Iraq and targetted every installation and factory which was vital for civilian life. Thus, factories producing baby food and candles came under the brutal air attacks of American, British and French pilots. There was thus nothing valiant, nothing heroic in the misdeeds of the evil kuffaar flying the planes of aggression and murder.

Forty five days of unabated merciless and destructive bombing is sufficient evidence for the brutality, fear and cowardice of the forces of the coalition. Despite their immense superiority in every department of warfare, they lacked the guts to take on the Iraqi army. This fact has been substantiated by repeated statements of Bush and allied commanders. They were embarked on a policy of crippling Iraq from the air by massive acts of brutality against the civilian population of Iraq.

The outcome of the conflict is no glory for America. They have achieved no victory. On the contrary they have merely demonstrated their true attributes of cowardice, fear and injustice. If every Muslim country had to come out on the side of Iraq in this conflict, America with its allies would have suffered a humiliating rout notwithstanding the massive superiority of the coalition's firepower. When the coalition could initiate its ground attack after only 45 days of massive high altitude bombardment, it is clear that it would not have been able to sustain an attack on a number of fronts waged by several countries throwing all their available forces into the arena. But, the modernist-dominated governments at the helm of affairs in all Muslim countries are in fact the serfs of America and Britain, hence they chose to remain outside the conflict on the side of the western kuffaar.

While Iraq's inability to rout the kuffaar enemy is a spiritual humiliation, it has absolutely no reason for worldly shame. Its setback suffered against overwhelming odds, is no worldly disgrace. In spite of the futility of this conflict which Iraq should never have initiated, it can still have the satisfaction of having faced the combined might of kufr. It did make a heroic, albeit futile and uncalled for, stand for 45 days, taking a punishment which no other country in the world has ever been subjected to. But, Muslims should realize that no matter how heroic and how valiant and courageous their stands may be, if Allah's aid is not forthcoming, there is nothing but disgrace and defeat for us.

POLITICAL RULE - A TEST

Allah Ta'ala says in the Qur'aan:

"Perhaps your Rabb will destroy your enemies and establish you politically in the earth. He will then see how you act."
(Qur'aan)

Domination of Muslims over the kuffaar is possible only when Allah Ta'ala decides. Such a Decision depends on the reformation of Muslims. For the past fifty years Allah Ta'ala has granted political control to Muslims in all their countries. Allah Ta'ala gave Muslims respite of 50 years. In this time Allah Ta'ala was seeing how Muslims behaved".

Since independence some 50 years ago, Muslims have spiritually retrogressed vastly. Islam has been increasingly discarded and the life-style of Muslims have become increasingly westernized.

The behaviour of Muslims have become thoroughly un-Islamic. The Sunnah no longer plays a role in their lives. Their Imaani force has consequently been sapped. The emaciated Ummah totally lacks the power to confront its enemies.

Muslims have abused the opportunity to rule which Allah Ta'ala had given to them. They utilized the opportunity to trample on Islam and mutilate the Deeni life which the Sunnah envisages for the Ummah. Following in the footsteps of the western kuffaar, Muslim governments headed by semi-kuffaar and modernists endeavoured to achieve technological success by introducing all the kufr concepts and immoral ways of western life. Allah Ta'ala has thus made Muslims the under dogs in submission to the west.

A FORGONE CONCLUSION

Although the expulsion of Iraqi forces from Kuwait was a forgone conclusion from the very inception of the hostilities, the cowardly and massive devastation wrought by the savages on Iraqi civilians and their infrastructure was not entirely expected.

The very first blunder committed by Saddam Husain was his invasion of Kuwait. Whether the invasion was justified or not, cannot be said by those sitting thousands of miles away being fed by only facts emanating from a hostile western media.

The second mistake committed by Saddam Husain was his decision not to withdraw in the early stages when all the forces of aggression were unifying their ranks against him.

The third mistake was Iraq's failure to withdraw by the 15th January. Even at this late stage there still was the chance of withdrawing with some face and with his entire army and country intact.

The outcome of the war was a forgone conclusion for the following two reasons:
(1) Iraq lacked the military capability to vanquish the vastly superior combatants. Iraq was facing the whole world led by the super powers.

(2) Iraq lacked the Imaani capability to confront a vastly superior worldly power.

Spiritual capability more than enough makes up for material disparity and deficiencies. A Muslim army fortified by an Imaan adorned with Noor, is a sufficient force to face the combined might of kufr.

But in the absence of both material and spiritual capabilities, there was no way in which Iraq would have been able to rout the vastly superior military powers facing it.

That both the Iraqi leadership and the Iraqi army lacked Imaani power is no secret. Neither Iraq nor any other Muslim state is or was an Islamic state at any time in recent history. Therefore, while all our sympathy and feelings were and are with Iraq, there never were grounds for expecting the type of Nusrah (Divine Aid) which the early Muslims enjoyed in their confrontation with kufr. But, this does not detract from the fact that the fight which Iraq had against the American-led forces was a Jihaad. A war waged by Muslims against kuffaar attacking and brutalizing Muslims and destroying a Muslim country is undoubtedly a Jihaad.

If Saddam Husain learns from his mistakes and if he decides to turn truly and sincerely towards Allah Ta'ala, i.e. become a 'fundamentalist' and a 'fanatic' in western terms, then Allah Ta'ala will surely grant him another day to extract sweet vengeance and destroy the foes of Islam. But, perhaps we are expecting too much. Such transformation, while possible seems remote. It now appears that the only hope for the Ummah is Imaam Mahdi. Allah knows best.

ALLAH'S EARTH

"Musaa said to his people: Seek help with Allah and have sabr. Verily, the earth belongs to only Allah. He grants its sovereignty to whomever He wishes among His servants, and the ultimate goal of success is for the Mut-taqeen."
(QUR'AAN)

KUFFAR FRIEND

"O People of Imaan! Do not take as friends My enemies and your enemies, inclining towards them while they have rejected that truth which has come to you."

(Qur'aan)

At a critical juncture in the Gulf war, Iraq turned towards its 'friend' Russia for diplomatic assistance to save it from the looming disaster which it was facing. But, Russia could not come to the aid of its friend, Iraq with whom it has a 'Friendship Treaty'.

In the abovementioned Qur'aanic verse, Muslims are warned against the harmful exercise of taking the kuffaar as our friends. Despite having a 'friendship' pact with Iraq, Russia fully aligned itself with the American aggressors. The Qur'aan informs us that they all are Allah's enemies and the enemies of Muslims. Muslims, are therefore not permitted to incline towards their enemies in friendships. The kuffaar can never be the friends of Muslims because they have rejected the Truth which Allah has revealed.

Iraq was finally constrained to accept all the humiliating terms which the aggressors imposed on it. Such disgrace and humiliation settle over Muslims when they seek power, prominence, dignity, respect and success from their enemies, the kuffaar.

PAKISTAN

The Pakistani High Commission in Harare, Zimbabwe issued the following statement regarding the presence of its troops in Saudi Arabia:

"To put the record straight I want to inform you that our troops in Saudi Arabia are not part of the Allied forces. They are under the exclusive command of the Saudi government and are meant solely for defensive purposes within the boundaries of Saudi Arabia under a bilateral agreement between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. Our forces have not and will not be engaged in any operations beyond Saudi Arabian borders."

LIKE 'SCUM'

Predicting the future miserable and despicable condition of the Ummah, Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:

"Soon will the nations (of the kuffaar) call one another against you (to destroy you) like an eater calling others to his dishes (i.e. to join him in eating)." Someone enquired:

"Will that be because of our small number?" Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: "In fact, on that day you will be great in number. But, you will be scum, like the scum of flood-water. Most certainly, Allah will remove fear and awe for you from the hearts of your enemies and He will fill your hearts with weakness (cowardice)."

Someone enquired: "O Rasulullah! 'What will be (the cause) of that weakness?' He said: "Love of the world and dislike for Maut (death)."

Undoubtedly, today Muslims are like scum on the face of the earth. We comprise

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SUFFERING MILLIONS AND CORRUPT RULERS

Among the Signs of Qiyaamah reported by Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) is the possession of rulership or government by the most corrupt and degenerate persons. At the helm of governmental affairs will be those having the lowest moral conduct. Such signs have already manifested in the governments of almost all Muslim countries. While this is also true in non-Muslim countries, our concern is not with their affairs. Presidents, prime ministers, cabinet ministers, members of parliament and other officials occupying important posts of trust in government are among the most selfish, contemptible and degenerate persons. Their prime concern is self-interest. Motivated by despicable, selfish motives, they show scant regard for the hardships and the welfare of the citizens occupying their respective countries.

The refugee problem is just one of the many examples of the selfishness, incompetency and total unfitness of Muslim rulers and Muslim governments of this modern era. Millions of Muslims having been displaced from their homes and countries all over the world are undergoing untold misery and suffering in refugee camps and elsewhere. There are the Palestinian, Afghaan, Somali, Kashmiri, Sudanese, Liberian Muslim refugees who are forgotten chattel as far as Muslim governments are concerned.

STARVING MASSES

Besides the innumerable Muslim refugees, there are the starving millions of Muslims in different countries, especially on the African continent. Conditions are terrible in Malawi, Mozambique and Rwanda. But, the hearts of these corrupt rulers at the helm in Muslim countries are not moved by the pitiable and heart-rending plight of these brothers and sisters.

Hunger, lack of clothing and medical facilities are widespread and intense. Daily the media disseminate reports of the horrendous conditions in which these unfortunate millions are grovelling, but Muslim governments despite having the means, refuse to lift a finger to aid their suffering bretheren.

MUSLIM WEALTH

The wealth in Muslim countries is so colossal that if a single oil-rich country merely decides to transfer its assets from one bank to another, it will create massive economic and political upheavals in the west. There is absolutely no shortage of wealth. While there is massive use for the wealth, it lies either idle in the banks of the kuffaar or is at the haraam disposal of kuffaar authorities who utilize Muslim wealth to devastate and undermine the Ummah.

Although these Muslim rulers are masters of huge financial resources they unfortunately lack in intelligence and morals. There is a total dearth of altruism in their ranks. The spirit of brotherhood and sacrifice, long-cherished assets of the Ummah, are no longer extant. While they have the 'intelligence' to buy up dilapidated castles in England and refurbish these at the cost of millions of dollars and while they can squander millions in the west on haraam activities, they cannot spare a thought for aiding and ameliorating the miserable lot of their millions of starving and suffering bretheren throughout the world, decaying in refugee camps with nominal UN aid.

LACKING IN SHAME

The sense of morality of Muslim rulers have become extinguished to the extent that they totally lack in shame. While they swim in wealth utterly neglecting their starving Muslim neighbours, organizations such as the Red Cross engage in relief work among the Muslim refugees and starving citizens of the less privileged Muslim lands such as Somalia

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AMERICA - A COWARDLY NATION

America is essentially an effeminate and cowardly country. America is not a nation capable of fighting a war. Its record of disgraceful defeat elsewhere in the world bears ample testimony for its impotency in the field of warfare. Which war has America fought successfully and courageously? The supposed superpower of the world was humbled and humiliated by the rag tag guerillas of Vietnam. America's invasion of the tin-top Panamanian republic is simply a disgraceful affair which cannot be classed as a war.

Its conduct in the Gulf conflict never is a "glorious victory" for America as Bush has dubbed it. Sight should not be lost of the fact that America could only muster up the courage to face Iraq after 28 countries joined in the satanic alliance. Iraq stood alone. America, despite its high-tech weaponry and its massive arsenals of weapons simply lacked the guts to confront Iraq. And, even after having the military and economic support of the 28 countries in the coalition as well as the economic support of many other wealthy states, America did not fight a war against Iraq. Its achievement, viz., the so-called "glorious victory" was due to massive high-altitude indiscriminate bombing of civilians. Many countries had joined America in this murderous and horrendous aggression from above the clouds—aggression unparalleled in the annals of history.

In military terms, Iraq was no match for the evil forces lined up against it. Nevertheless, America had a morbid and a ghastly fear for Iraq, hence it dared not embark on its exercise of aggression without having secured the support of the rest of the world.

The ultimate retreat of the Iraqi army from Kuwait with the resultant tragic consequences to Iraqi lives and equipment was not the result of American action on the battlefield. The heavy toll of Iraqi life and equipment was not achieved by the American army fighting the Iraqi army. Due to some serious military miscalculations by President Saddam Husain, he was constrained to order the Iraqi army to retreat. Without air cover, the retreating Iraqi army stood no chance against the barbaric bombardment from the sky. The barbaric slaughter which ensued was effected by the savages of the west attacking the exposed Iraqis from the air. This was no war. It is no glory for the American savages. The barbarians of the west have not displayed any military prowess by their acts of murderous cowardice. There is no glory and no honour in brutally bombing from the sky a retreating army deprived of air cover.

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SUFFERING MILLIONS AND CORRUPT RULERS

and Sudan. They have abandoned all shame and honour. A kuffaar agency such as the Red Cross operates among the suffering Muslims on the doorsteps of wealthy Muslim lands, yet these incompetent and corrupt rulers fail to take lesson. What need is there for a kuffaar agency to work among Muslims when there is such colossal wealth among Muslims?

INCOMPETENT

Spineless and effeminate, the modernist rulers and governments in Muslim lands totally lack the ability and competency to organize themselves and their resources in aid programs for their suffering bretheren. One third of humanity consists of Muslims. The oil-rich Muslim countries own massive wealth. There is no shortage of manpower and wealth in the Muslim world. But, there is an acute dearth of Deen and correct Imaan. The disease of spiritual impoverishment has denuded Muslim rulers of Islamic emotions and Imaani intelligence. We, therefore, observe that while they are adept in emulating futile, extravagant and haraam styles and customs of the west, they lag very far behind in the beneficial aspects of the west.

They squander their lives and the wealth of the countries living snugly in extravagance in their palaces and palatial mansions without care or concern for suffering Muslims at their doorsteps while kuffaar agencies with dubious motives operate relief and aid programmes. So blighted is their Imaan that they cannot understand the need to organize themselves to discharge their compulsory duties to their suffering Muslim brothers and sisters.

The United States government has estimated that 22 million Africans are facing starvation this year because of drought and civil strife and one million tons of food are required to avert the starvation.

Of the 22 million, only the Sudanese are 9 million. In Mozambique over 4 million face starvation, mostly Muslims. In fact, the overwhelming majority of the sufferers are Muslims. Besides the millions of Africa, there are the other suffering Muslims of Afghanistan, Kashmir, Palestine, etc.

KUFFAAR AID

The enemy of the Muslims, the US, for its own worldly motives, is planning to contribute one third of the food supplies required to avert the tragedy being enacted among the suffering Muslims of Africa. Yet, the US is bankrupt, both in morals and finance. Muslim governments, bogged down in a quagmire of degradation, inertia and kufr fail to respond by even offering to make up the balance of the million tons required for their bretheren. Truly, they must be grovelling in the dregs of corruption to remain so insensitive to the urgent needs of suffering Muslims. They have the wealth, but they have chosen to utilize it to hire the western mercenaries to kill and murder their brother Muslims in futile and unjustified wars. At internicine warfare they are experts. But, in their holy task of fostering peace and brotherhood in the Ummah they have failed miserably. They have transgressed beyond all redemption.

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The type of aid required to avert the tragedies unfolding in front of our eyes requires massive programmes on governmental levels. While private persons can assist, the task is beyond the capacity

and capability of private organizations doing relief work.

Only a fraction of the billions of dollars squandered by Muslims in the Gulf war is required to provide the bare essentials of life for the starving millions of Muslims. But the hearts of the corrupt modernist and irreligious rulers and governments find no responsive cord striking. Huge amounts of money are squandered in setting up futile international organizations such as the Rabitah funding useless programs in the name of Islam. Millions of dollars are spent to host and feed delegates in conference upon conference designed in UN kufr style while millions of African Muslims in Ghana, Nigeria, Mozambique and elsewhere plead for copies of the Qur'aan for Tilaawat. We receive innumerable requests from African Muslims all over the African continent pleading for copies of the Qur'aan. Whole villages are without a single copy of the Qur'aan. But, the wealthy Muslim rulers refuse to branch their 'propagational' activities into quarters which most require Deeni aid because there is no glory and aggrandizement in the distribution of Qur'aan copies in remote African villages.

ORTHODOX SUNNAH

Orthodoxy, another name for the Sunnah of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam), has been regarded by modernist Muslims as the cause of Muslim retrogression. The modernist element following in the footsteps of the west has always blamed the Ulama for the backwardness of the 20th century Muslim Ummah. The Ulama have been accused by the westernized Muslim elements of keeping Muslims away from 'progress'. Allah Ta'ala has given these elements 50 years in which to prove their theories of progress.

In spite of having ruled the whole Muslim world with western and Russian aid and direction for 50 years, they have succeeded in only destroying the Ummah. They have mentally and physically enslaved the Ummah to the west and have bonded the natural resources of the Islamic lands to the west for many more years to come.

Their theories, schemes and plans of progress have all miserably failed to yield results beneficial to the Ummah. Every plan they moot has utterly failed to benefit the Ummah which remains in perpetual mental slavery—enslaved to the west. After 50 years of political 'independence' every Muslim country is wholly dependent on the west for its continuation as a viable political state. Every Muslim country is today obliged to dance to the tune of the west. Every facet of Muslim life in the Muslims lands is under western control and direction.

Although it may be a cry in the wilderness, it must nevertheless, be proclaimed that without Shar'i Orthodoxy there will never be progress in the Ummah. The thinking processes of Muslims will be reformed and rectified only by the total adoption of the Sunnah of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam). True independence will follow in the wake of only the Orthodoxy of the Sunnah.

ANARCHY

"Anarchy (corruption) has appeared on the land and in the ocean because of the (misdeeds) which the hands of people have wrought, so that He may cause them to taste part of the (misdeeds) which they have perpetrated. Perhaps they will return (to the Path of Righteousness)"
(Qur'aan)

ISLAM AND ARMAMENTS

AND PREPARE FOR THEM TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY WEAPONS AND HORSES INSTILLING THEREWITH FEAR INTO THE ENEMIES OF ALLAH AND YOUR ENEMIES AS WELL AS OTHERS BESIDES THEM. YOU DO NOT KNOW THEM. ALLAH IS AWARE OF THEM."
(QUR'AAN)

It is a Qur'aanic command that Muslims become self-sufficient in armaments. For the aims of Jihaad this is a Fardh duty on Muslim rulers and governments. The wisdom underlying this Command is self-evident.

Although Iraq had embarked on a programme of producing sophisticated weapons, it fell far short of the Islamic requirements for Jihaad in an era which requires the type of weaponry in the arsenals of the kuffaar.

A vital factor for Muslim success in any venture is Taqwa or total submission to the teachings and spirit of Islam as envisaged by the orthodox concept of the Sunnah. If this essential requisite is lacking, Muslims will not achieve significant progress, leave alone mastery and superiority in any field of mundane activity.

Iraq by having manufactured its own missiles comparable and even superior to some western equivalents, have demonstrated that Muslims do have the ability to compete and even supersede the kuffaar in any worldly sphere. However, because of the malady of spiritual impoverishment due to the abandonment of the Shariah, the Iraqi technological exercise represents only a shadow of what Muslims are supposed to do in order to fulfil the Command issued in the aforementioned Qur'aanic ayat.

Since technology has been thus far the preserve of the western and Russian kuffaar, the west has viewed with great envy and antipathy the Iraqi Al-Husaini missile which is a purely Iraqi built weapon. It is not a Scud missile nor a modified Soviet Scud. In order to minimize the Iraqi technological achievement, the west has dubbed the Al-Husaini missile as a Scud which it definitely is not. The Soviet Scud has a range of 250 kilometres while the Iraqi missile has a range of 800 kilometres. That is why the Iraqi missile could hit targets in Israel and elsewhere.

Another achievement by Iraq in the field of technology is the development of the Adnan warplane, the equivalent of the American Awac sold to Saudi Arabia. In developing the Adnan, Iraq did so without American or Russian aid. It is purely an Iraqi achievement.

It must, however, be added that no matter what technological breakthrough Muslims make and no matter possible superiority of weaponry and possession of natural resources and wealth, as long as Muslims fail to realize that their success and salvation lie in only walking in the Shadow of the orthodox Sahaabah, they will be doomed to perpetual failure.

GRUESOME BARBARISM

The gruesome acts of barbarism committed by Bush's coalition have not escaped condemnation by even members of the armed forces which had participated in the brutal aggression against Iraq. The following is an extract from the Sunday Tribune:

President George Bush is riding a wave of popularity unprecedented in recent American history. His "glorious victory" is likely to be an international catastrophe if he cannot defuse the anger of a thousand million people by forcing his ally, Israel, to establish a genuinely independent Palestinian state based on the West Bank and Gaza strip, writes Tribune columnist COLIN LEGUM.

Here is one small voice, that of Leopold Ungar, a former director of the Catholic aid organization, Caritas, writing in the Austrian paper, *Der Standard*: "We are barbarians ... electrically lit and electrically driven ... we are savages — only much more horrible savages than those before us ... A victory, which makes fanatics out of a thousand million people, all focused as one in their hatred of the Western world, is a catastrophe."

And here are the comments of two British soldiers as recorded by Reuter's correspondent Peter Bale after meeting them on that stretch of the Kuwait/Basra highway where a bottleneck in the road produced what came to be known as Ambush Alley, now a charnel house for wrecked vehicles, imploded tanks and dead Iraqis.

"No human being should be allowed to do this to another human being," said a British soldier, surveying the wreckage from the top of a Soviet-made Iraqi tank. "They didn't stand a chance. It's disgusting."

A British officer too was horrified at the carnage and the apparent brutality of the attack on a retreating force. "I guess the strategy was to destroy them once and for all, but it is horrendous," he said.

? 'DEMOCRACY'

In claiming that President Bush in having ordered the invasion of Iraq was fighting only for democracy, Mr. Pik Botha, the South African Foreign Minister has made a queer statement. What type of 'democracy' did Mr. Botha have in mind when he supported the American aggression against Iraq? American democracy or South African democracy?

Neither was Kuwait an American democracy nor a South African-style democracy. Furthermore, Bush's avowed declaration was never to instal an American democracy in Kuwait. The simple facts of the American aggression are greed for Arab oil and consideration for the terrorist state of Israel.

No one will be deluded into accepting that America was acting under compulsion of altruistic motives to champion the so-called cause of democracy. The motives were patently mercenary, evil and aggressive, but were given a halo of respectability by unleashing the murderous attacks in the name of the UN, another miserable American dominated body.

BRUTALTY?

Justifying the aggression against Iraq, Bush referred to Kuwait as the "small defenceless nation" which was invaded by Iraq. He also added that his aim was to establish "a new world order where brutality will go unrewarded".

These are the statements of a man who had embarked on some of the worst acts of brutality and atrocity the world has ever witnessed. How insensitive can one become! At the height of the American aggression in which brutality had reached an unprecedented level, we hear Bush speaking of a "new world order". A nation which glorifies and lauds brutal aggression has no right of speaking of a "new world order".

People are not fools to swallow the putrid lie that America had embarked on its savage attack against Iraq purely in defence of Kuwait.

When speaking about "small defenceless nations" attacked by strong enemies, Bush should recall Panama.

ALLIED ATROCITIES

The monotonous din of the commission of atrocities made by the hostile western media before, during and after the Gulf war has been directed solely against Iraq. While much of these claims against Saddam Husain are exaggerated or false, there is documented evidence for the atrocities committed by Bush's allies. But, the western media invariably choose silence and overlook the confirmed reports of atrocities committed by the allies of America and Britain.

Amnesty International said that it has evidence of Palestinians being held in jail without trial. According to Amnesty International Saudi Arabian security forces had tortured and maltreated hundreds of Yemeni nationals since the eruption of the Gulf crisis. It says that Syria and Turkey are also guilty of torture.

In times of war, says Amnesty International, this kind of treatment escalates. Since 16th January, the day the war began, it has documented human rights violations related to the war in some dozen countries often committed by governments to suppress opposition to the war or in the name of national security.

Amnesty International mentions an American soldier jailed for refusing to help prepare military supplies in the Gulf. The Amnesty International statement said that countries must not be permitted to condone by their selective silence of human rights violations committed by their allies and to condemn violations by others for propaganda purposes. When that happens, the shadow of war is cast far beyond the battlefield.

SAUDI ATROCITY

The 951 Somalis who were expelled from Saudi Arabia were given no reason for this action. The United Nations High Command for Refugees says that it was very concerned that it was not consulted about the expulsions. A spokesman said that some of the workers had been living for many years in Saudi Arabia.

The men are now stranded aboard a ship. Red Cross officials now working in Berbra Hospital have been distributing food and water to the stranded men on

KUWAITI MISDEED

The British Ambassador in Kuwait is back in the capital. After only a fortnight, he has this to say:

"The nephew of one of my local staff, a Palestinian, was collected by three Kuwaitis, one uniformed and two without uniform, from his house. He was blindfolded and taken off to police headquarters. On the way he was told that they were preparing to hang him when they got there. He was released about an hour later, but was told that they would be coming back for him again. I certainly have fears about what is happening despite the assurances which we have received from the Kuwaiti government."

KUWAITI ATROCITY

The American Ambassador in Kuwait visited the border with Iraq and said that he had seen people being dumped there and told to "get out" by what he called "rogue elements of the Kuwaiti army and the Resistance". According to the US State Department some showed signs of torture such as beatings.

FALSE PROPAGANDA

The United States TV network, according to Capitol Radio, says Iraqi soldiers are innocent of the most-often cited atrocities of the Gulf war. ABC News reports that it has evidence to contradict the claim that Iraqi soldiers looted incubators from Kuwaiti hospitals and left 312 babies to die.

The Kuwaiti doctors said that the babies died because there was no one to look after them after the Iraqi invasion as all medical staff had fled.

US President Bush frequently mentioned the alleged killing of the babies as an example of Iraq's brutality towards Kuwaitis. However, these charges are flatly denied by Iraqi governmental officials.

The Kuwaiti doctors said the widespread reports about the babies were just for propaganda purposes.

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LIKE 'SCUM'

one third of mankind. We possess huge countries stretching over continents and we possess massive wealth, yet we grovel in abject humiliation, adept at only fighting one another. In every sphere of life Muslims are totally dependent on the kuffaar who drive us along like cattle in whatever direction they choose for their own material benefit. But, Muslims in their mad stupor of worldly love have come to terms with disgrace and humiliation.

on the boat. The spokesman for the International Red Cross in Geneva said the workers faced execution. He said that it could be risky for the men to go ashore.

The Red Cross is the only international relief organization working in the area despite the desperate need for food, fuel and medical aid.

EVIL

Love of the world is the root of all evil.
(Hadith)

KUWAITI MALTREATMENT

Thin razor wire marks the border between Kuwait and Iraq about 3km south of the devastated Iraqi town of Safwan. On the Kuwaiti side of the wire are parked the vehicles of the Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society and their tents. Just north of the border about 1300 refugees, many of them women and children, are huddled in tents provided by the Red Cross. These refugees claim to be former residents of Kuwait.

According to the refugees, their homes and jobs are in Kuwait City. At this frontier crossing, access to Kuwait is controlled by the Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society.

A BBC correspondent says:

"One Jordanian refugee showed me his passport. It was clearly endorsed with the Kuwait resident stamp. He had been refused permission to enter on four consecutive days."

Western diplomats believe that Kuwait has decided to dramatically reduce its immigrant population.

The Kuwaiti Red Crescent tents were filled with US army rations. Refugees had only dates and unleavened bread to eat. Soldiers from the American First Infantry Brigade said that they were feeding the refugees because the Kuwaiti Red Crescent refused to distribute rations to them.

(The above report is by a BBC correspondent in Kuwait City).

THE MUSLIM ARMY

The defeat suffered by Iraq was not due to any cowardice, fear and lack of ability by a Muslim army to fight the kuffaar led by America. The defeat was the consequence of inept leadership.

Many miscalculations and blunders were committed. Although from a western point of view, Iraq was not militarily equipped sufficiently to confront a vastly superior enemy, from the Islamic point of view, Iraq had possessed sufficient weaponry to face the combined might of kufr. However, since Islam was not the criterion in this war, the Roohaani Power necessary for Muslim victory was not forthcoming.

Although the war was a Jihaad in terms of the Shariah, the army and the leadership lacked the Roohaani fibre so necessary for any success of Muslims in the face of overwhelming odds. Neither is the leadership Islamic, nor is the army. For spectacular success against the huge forces of kufr, it is not sufficient to be only Muslim by birth or name.

The Muslim army cannot be fired up and instilled with true Imaani vigour by dynamic speeches and encouragement. Roohaani development is essential. Such spiritual development is confined to total submission to all aspects of Islam which is the orthodox concept of the Sunnah of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam). Besides the Sunnah, there is no other hope for Muslims.

NON-MUSLIMS

In terms of the Shariah it is not permissible for a Muslim government to have non-Muslims in its ranks. The kuffaar can never be trusted. One of Iraq's fatal errors is the inclusion of Christians in its Revolutionary Command. It is not at all surprising if some of these kuffaar elements are agents of the west.

THE HORRENDOUS MASSACRE BY SAVAGES

One of the most brutal acts of aggression perpetrated by America in the Gulf War was the horrendous murder of hundreds of Iraqi women and children seeking refuge in a bomb shelter. Muslim and Kaafir alike have condemned this atrocity committed by Bush's forces with the connivance of the United Nations and the support of some traitorous Muslim governments. Allan Little, the BBC's Baghdad correspondent presents the following factual account of the gruesome massacre:

"As darkness fell tonight, we returned to the shelter. Rescue workers were still pulling bodies from the smoking shell. I watched stretcher after stretcher emerge from the darkness. Many bore the bodies of small children. Others, those of women. Some were badly burnt. Others appear uninjured and have died of suffocation. The shelter's supervisor, Abdur Razzaq Al-Janaabi said 200 bodies have been recovered so far. A further 300 remained trapped in rooms not yet accessible. He said there had been no military people in the shelter.

This was a shelter which local people believed could withstand a nuclear blast. But last night, at five minute intervals, two allied missiles or bombs had penetrated the 10 to 12 foot big concrete roof and exploded inside leaving black cavities. The reinforced walls contained the full explosion.

This morning we saw the charred and mutilated remains of those nearest the door. They were piled into the back of a truck. Many were barely recognizable as humans.

Men from the district pushed and jostled in the crowd to find news of their families, many distressed to the point of panic. I saw one man incoherent with grief, fall to the ground and bury his face in the earth. Eleven members of his family had been in the shelter.

We were then taken to the local hospital and shown between 30 and 40 bodies, mostly women and young children. Some lay curled up as they died instantly in their sleep. Local people say the women and children of the area had been using the shelter nightly since the bombing began four weeks ago. It sits in the centre of a residential area in a compound of three other buildings, a school, a supermarket and a Mosque. Around the corner a pedestrian street sign in English and Arabic point the way to a district.

Iraq's Health Minister, Abdul Salim Muhammad Saeed accused the allies of bombing the shelter deliberately. He said a rocket also struck a door to make escape impossible.....

Many people take shelter at night, believing themselves safe, wrongly it seems. This will add weight to a commonly expressed view that the allies aim is not to liberate Kuwait, but to destroy Iraq."

"Three more trucks had arrived from the shelter with bodies which have yet to be off-loaded. At the shelter itself, hundreds of local people had spent the day watching in silence as recovery work continues. The operation is expected to take days to complete. Inside the shelter the heat is intense.

There are two stories. On the ground floor mangled bunk-beds are being separated so that those trapped inside can be freed. The lower basement floor is knee-deep in water. Each stretcher brought out was greeted by 'Allahu Akbar' (God is Great!)"

"....They will show neither respect to your elders nor mercy to your little ones."
(Hadith)

ALGERIA THE MUSLIM STAND

The outspoken Imaam Ali Bilhaaj, leader of the Islamic Front in Algeria, has demanded that the government opens military training camps which should be run by experts in collaboration with the Ulama who could instill the spirit of Jihaad in the hearts and minds of the young volunteers.

The Imaam said that his party would go ahead with military training even if the authorities oppose it.

The Imaam also attacked the Algerian army which he describes as no longer having the means or the ability to repulse aggression. He claimed that the military teachers do not present any moral or spiritual qualities. He added that his party would introduce Islamic education into military training.

Describing the Algerian government's position on the Gulf war as obscure, the Imaam claimed that the current government and members of the National Assembly do not represent the people.

COALITION CASUALTIES

While much publicity has been given to Iraqi casualties, the coalition forces have thrown a veil of secrecy over their own losses. The truth will yet be heard.

The allied forces lost about 400 warplanes in the early days of the war. On account of the large aircraft losses suffered by the coalition in the initial raids, they switched from low-level bombing to the tactic of high altitude bombing.

A Muslim nurse who had reported Riyadh hospitals to be packed with American casualties was taken away and summarily shot.

A Saudi Ambassador to one of the African countries claimed that thousands of allied troops had been killed and it was mainly the duty of the Saudi army to collect the bodies and put them into body-bags.

In view of the large number of dead Americans arriving in body-bags in the United States, Bush banned all reports and pictures of planes bringing home the dead Americans. Bodies were off-loaded in secrecy at military airfields and silently distributed to the next of kin.

If it was not for the miscalculations of Saddam Husain and his decision of grounding the air force and immobilizing the army in trenches for many months, the outcome of the war could have been vastly different. But, Allah Ta'ala willed it so. In the final analysis the decision is made by Allah Azza Wa Jal. Set-backs and lessons are for the Mu'mineen who heed admonition and reorganize their lives in obedience to Allah's Law.

UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations is an organization which is not compatible with the Shariah. Its constitution and methods of operation have no relationship with Islam and are not in conformity with Shar'i Laws governing international relations. It is, therefore, not permissible for Muslim nations to be members of the United Nations which is predominantly a kufr body.

Muslim countries, however, attach greater importance to United Nations resolutions than to the Qur'aanic commands. In the recent Gulf crisis, Muslim states regarded UN resolutions on par with the Holy Writ. Every resolution authorising aggression and murder against a brother Muslim state was accepted as binding by the overwhelming majority of Muslim states. Thus, the call to withdraw from Kuwait was accepted by Muslim countries, not because of any Islamic ordinance, but because a kaafir organization manipulated by America decreed it.

At the behest of the kaafir organization, Muslim states deemed it fit and lawful to murder Muslims by the thousand and to destroy a whole Muslim country. Regardless of the dispute between the two Muslim countries, the condonation of the horrible aggression against a brother Muslim state is revolting and haraam in the highest degree. Those Muslim countries who condoned the perpetration of the genocide against their brother Muslim state must hang their heads in shame and disgrace. They followed the west and aided the kuffaar in their nefarious mission of spilling the blood of thousands of Muslim men, women and children. On the Day of Qiyaamah they will have to answer for their support in the decimation of their bretheren.

THE DISGRACE OF BEGGING

As a punitive measure for Jordanian moral support for Iraq, America has cut its aid by half. The honourable and Islamic thing for Jordan is to refrain from accepting any aid doled out by the American kuffaar.

America was financially aiding Jordan before the eruption of the Gulf crisis. It is indeed shameful and a sad commentary on the oil-rich Muslim countries to even allow their brother Jordan to look towards the kuffaar for aid. The small sum given to it by America could have been easily contributed by any single Muslim state swimming in oil-wealth. Afterall, these Muslim states financed the Iraani war with billions of dollars, yet they lacked the spirit to provide a little aid to Jordan which has been flung to the mercy of the kuffaar.

In its role as a beggar—begging from the American kuffaar, Jordan too is not free from blame.

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: "To beg is disgraceful."

During the Gulf war, when King Husain of Jordan was asked about the possible blocking of America aid to it, he replied that Jordan's honour and respect were worth more than the 86 million dollars American aid. We hope that now King Husain will save himself and his country the disgrace of accepting the miserable kuffaar aid. Muslims will achieve much by Trust in Allah and abstention from wasteful expenditure.

TRANSGRESSORS

"O People of Imaan! Do not take as your friends the Yahood and the Nasaara. They are friends to one another. Whoever among you who befriends them, has become of them. Verily, Allah does not guide a nation of transgressors." (QUR'AAN)

KUFFAR AID

Hadhrat Ibn Abbaas (radhiallahu anhu) narrates that there was a pact between Ubaadah Bin As-Saamit Ansaari (radhiallahu anhu) and the Yahood. On the day of initiating the Ahzaab Battle, Hadhrat Ubaadah (radhiallahu anhu) said:

"O Nabi of Allah! There are 500 men of the Yahood with me. I am of the opinion that they should participate with me and I shall triumph with them over the enemy."

Thereupon Allah Ta'ala revealed the following Qur'aanic aayat:

"The Mu'mineen should not take the kaafireen as friends besides the Believers."

Muslims do not require kuffaar aid for their success and victory. They require Divine Aid which is available only on the condition of submission and obedience to the Shariah and marching in the spirit of the Sunnah.

VICTIM OF DECEPTION

Among the several major military miscalculations made by President Saddam Husain and which precipitated the hasty withdrawal of the Iraqi army from Kuwait with the resultant massive casualties was the deception employed by the allies. The allied forces were deployed in manouvres to ostensibly convey the impression that an all-out offensive was going to be made against the dug-in Iraqi army in Kuwait while the main thrust of the allied forces was against Iraq itself. When the Iraqi leadership realized this deception, it was too late. They were already out-flanked. This was the cause of the sudden and hasty withdrawal from Kuwait to protect Baghdad. The choice was now between Baghdad and Kuwait.

When the Believers are deprived of Nusrat (Help) from Allah Ta'ala, they fall into the snares laid by the kuffaar. Without Allah's aid, everything is doomed. The Qur'aan Majeed says:

"And, if they (the kuffaar) scheme to deceive you, then verily, Allah is adequate for you. It is He Who has aided you with His Nusrat and with the Mu'mineen."

Just as Allah Ta'ala has aided the obedient Mu'mineen of the past ages against their enemies, so too will He come to our aid provided that we fulfil the Covenant of Obedience which we have with Allah Ta'ala by virtue of our Imaan.

BE PREPARED

"And (the Mu'mineen) should prepare their defence and hold onto their weapons. The kuffaar hope that you become neglectful of your weapons and your equipment so that they could make a sudden attack on you....And, prepare your defence. Verily, Allah has prepared for the kaafireen a disgraceful punishment."

(QUR'AAN)

ATROCITY AND INJUSTICE

Atrocity and injustice are condemned by Islam no matter from which quarter it emanates and against whom it may be perpetrated. Whether these unjust acts are committed by the kuffaar against the Muslims or by the Muslims against the kuffaar, they stand condemned in the Shariah.

When the commission of atrocity by Muslims against the kuffaar is not lawful, to a greater extent will it be unlawful if perpetrated by Muslims against Muslims.

In the western media we hear and read of horrible atrocities allegedly committed by Iraqi forces during their invasion and occupation of Kuwait. Since we have no unbiased, independent and reliable sources of information, it is not possible to accept these reports, much of which are undoubtedly western propaganda. In fact, even some western agencies have confirmed this to be so.

However, if there is any truth in some of the stories of atrocities committed by Iraq against Kuwait, the Shariah is clear in its stand. Whatever the real reasons which constrained Iraq to invade Kuwait may have been, Iraq had no licence to pillage and plunder Kuwait nor to commit acts of atrocity against the Kuwaitis.

It is feasible to entertain Shar'i legality for a Muslim country going to war against another Muslim country if their exist reasons which the Shariah can uphold. But, in any such conflict between two Muslim states, their armies have no right to transgress the limits of the Shariah. It will be haraam to kill civilians. The honour, respect, wealth and property of the people cannot be violated. The war has to be compulsorily confined to the armies. There is no permission in Islam for a Muslim army to loot and plunder the properties and the wealth of Muslims in the country being invaded. Islamic Jihaad precludes such evil misdeeds.

Thus, if there is truth in the reports that the Iraqi army has destroyed Kuwaiti buildings and looted the wealth of Kuwait and killed Kuwaitis indiscriminately, then all such actions are haraam. It is even haraam to destroy the palaces and the palatial mansions belonging to the corrupt rulers of Kuwait. The invasion may be justified, but the destruction of the private properties of Muslims can never be justified on Islamic basis. Neither is the blood of Muslims Mubah (lawful to shed) nor is their wealth Mubah (lawful to plunder).

However, the destruction of the oil wells are excluded from this discussion. Such destruction could find accomodation in the Shariah on the grounds of thwarting the kuffaar, and as a military measure of strategic importance and significance. In fact, we believe that Iraq committed another serious blunder in dragging its legs insofar as the destruction of the oil wells is concerned. It left the job wholly incomplete. Iraq should have thoroughly destroyed each and every oil well before its withdrawal. This would have deprived the American kuffaar of the prize they were after. It was after all, OIL which sent these savage infidels in the frenzy which led to the massive devastation of Iraq. Incompletion of this strategic destruction is to be viewed with regret.

The spilling of oil into the sea regardless of environmental destruction is also condonable for military purposes as a measure of defence against the kuffaar.

THE IRAQI WAR AND THE SHARIAH

There persists a grave misunderstanding in some quarters regarding the Shar'i designation of the recent Iraqi war. Either it is a Jihaad or not. Those who maintain that it is not a Jihaad comprise of two groups: Those on the Saudi payroll and those who have genuinely misread and misunderstood the position. The arguments of the former group are of no significance and are summarily dismissed. However, there is a need to look into the case presented by the latter group which also includes some sincere Ulama.

The pivot of the case of the latter group is that the conflict was between Muslims—between Iraq and Kuwait, the kuffaar in the theatre being mere hirelings or employed in service like one would make use of "dogs". Just as it is permissible to use dogs in Muslim service, e.g. watch-dogs, sheep-dogs, police-dogs, etc., so too is it permissible to use kuffaar in the service of Muslims. Such aid acquired from the kuffaar is thus permissible according to the latter group. In this theory the kuffaar were not at war with the Muslims, rather they were in the service of one of the Muslim adversaries, hence the war was a war between two Muslim countries.

The facts of the conflict, however, stand out in conspicuous refutation of this view. Even on the assumption that the war was one between two Muslim adversaries and that the kuffaar were mere hirelings in the capacity of dogs, the argument of the latter group is not supported by the Shariah.

Istiaanaah bil kuffaar (seeking the aid of the kuffaar) while permissible in certain exigencies, is subject to some conditions stipulated by the Shariah.

Among these conditions are the following:

- (1) The fighting must be between Muslims and kuffaar. It should not be a war between two Muslim countries. This condition precludes the situation of kuffaar being enlisted to kill Muslims.
- (2) The presence of the kuffaar in the armed forces must be inconspicuous. Their numbers should be small and they should be deployed in positions which will not give them any dominance or prominence. In other words, they have to be scattered widely among the Muslim forces.
- (3) The kuffaar should not be in a position to constitute a threat or danger to the Muslims.
- (4) The kuffaar serving in the Muslim army must fight under the Muslim flag.
- (5) The kuffaar must fight under Muslim command. The commander of the forces must be a Muslim appointed by the Muslim state. All war operations must be under Muslim command and direction.

In the Gulf conflict none of these conditions existed. In the very first instance, the war was decided, determined, directed, spearheaded, commanded and prosecuted by America with all other participants fulfilling subsidiary roles. The war was not fought by America under the Flag of Islam. On the contrary, the Muslim participant fought under the command of America. Kaafir commanders directed the Muslim forces which played second fiddle. No Muslim country in this filthy war against Iraq could dominate the coalition in general and America in particular. It is too evident to require much elaboration that the whole war from start to finish was an American operation. Bush decided in America the course of the war. Everything proceeded by the command of Bush whose orders were given practical

expression by his kaafir field commanders under whose command and instruction the spineless and traitorous Muslim armies of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria acted.

The war in Iraq was not a case of Muslims seeking aid from the kuffaar. It is entirely the opposite. It was a classical example of the kuffaar prosecuting a war against Muslims and enlisting the aid of Muslims in their conspiracy to devastate and decimate Iraq and its people—Muslim people.

The conflict between Iraq and Kuwait is entirely a separate issue. Until the kuffaar remained outside the arena, the conflict was a purely Muslim one between Iraq and Kuwait. The Muslim dispute had required an Islamic solution which the Shariah provides. The Qur'aan has its own perscription for such conflicts between brothers. The solution to the Muslim conflict was not the adoption of the haraam resolutions handed down by a kaafir-dominated body such as the United Nations which has no validity in Islam. Those Muslim countries which sought the direction and blessings of the kaafir organization dominated by America transgressed the Shariah. They operated beyond the ambit of Islamic Law.

Bush had decided to destroy Iraq. Even if his intention was only to "liberate" Kuwait from Iraqi occupation, it was haraam for Muslims to fight under the banner and command of the kuffaar. If Kuwait needed liberation, it had to be compulsorily effected by Muslims themselves. If they had lacked the ability and the power to do so, there was then no alternative but to adopt patience and supplicate to Allah Ta'ala to intervene with the aggressor. But, the Shariah under no circumstances grants a licence for Muslims to invite the kuffaar to kill Muslims and destroy their land so callously, criminally, brutally and savagely as the Satans of the west had done.

Some sincere Ulama have been misinformed of the true facts. Since they lack proper awareness of the situation and the facts of the conflict, they have viewed the matter in a very simplistic way. As far as they are concerned, the only facts of the conflict are:

* Iraq invaded Kuwait, hence is guilty of aggression.

* Saudi Arabia and Kuwait requested America to aid them in liberating Kuwait from Iraqi occupation.

However, those versed with the political set-up, American conspiracy, the control and command of the coalition forces, are fully cognizant that the war was prosecuted by America. Saudi Arabia and Egypt had no say, no control, no command and no power to influence the course of the war. On the contrary, America influenced and constrained the former Muslim adversaries of Israel to become now the friends and protectors of the common foe and the enemies of their own brothers. Formerly, they were espousing the Cause of the liberation of Palestine and the destruction of Israel. Now, that ratio has been inverted. The

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THE COURT OF KUFR

In a press statement on the Gulf crisis, the Islamic Propagation Centre of Durban commenting on the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait stated:

"Whatever the legitimacy of its territorial claim could be tested by the International Court of Justice and if its finding happens to be in favour of Iraq and Iraq failed to reclaim its territory then the use of force could be justified."

The view expressed in the above statement is un-Islamic and has no Shar'i basis. It is not at all surprising for a modernist group to trade this kind of baseless view.

The International Court of Justice is not an Islamic Court. It does not deliberate according to the Shariah. Its verdicts have no Islamic validity, hence it is stupid and ludicrous for Muslims to suggest that a Muslim country having a dispute with another Muslim country should take the matter to a kaafir court. It is likewise utterly baseless to aver that the utilization of force will be legitimate only if sanctioned by a kaafir court.

The verdicts handed down by kuffaar court are not binding on Muslims, neither on individuals nor on states. The Durban Propagation Centre claiming to be "Islamic" should have rather said that Iraq should have tested its claim in a special court set up by Muslims in terms of the clear Command of Allah Ta'ala in the Qur'aan Majeed.

ARABIAN PENINSULA

* Umar Ibn Khattaab (radhiyallahu anhu) narrates that he heard Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) say:

"I shall certainly expel the Yahood and Nasaara from the Arabian Peninsula, leaving only Muslims." (Saheeh Muslim)

* Ibn Juraij (radhiyallahu anhu) narrates that Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:

"Neither Jew nor Christian should be left in the Land of Hijaz....."

(Durrul Manthur)

* Abu Ubaidah Ibnul Jarraah said that the last statements of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) were:

"Expel the Yahood from the Land of Hijaz and expel Ahl-e-Najraan from the Arabian Peninsula." (Durrul Manthur)

* Jaabir (radhiyallahu anhu) narrates that Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: "If I remain (alive) I will most certainly expel the Mushrikeen from the Arabian Peninsula. Then when Umar was appointed (the Khalifah) he expelled them." (Durrul Manthur)

* Ibn Abbaas (radhiyallahu anhu) narrates that during his last illness, Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:

"Expel the Mushrikeen from the Arabian Peninsula." (Roohul Ma'aani)

The Arabian Peninsula is the exclusive sanctuary of Muslims. It is not permissible to allow kuffaar into the sacred land of Islam. However, Saudi Arabia has introduced kuffaar into Hijaz, right at the door-steps of the Haram. The dying wish and command of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) were the expulsion of all kuffaar from the Holy Land. Saudi Arabia has done just the opposite by granting the kuffaar forces the right to use the Holy Land as a launching pad to kill Muslims.

THE IRAQI WAR

Saudis and the Egyptians (i.e. their governments) now say with regard to the suffering of the Palestinians under Israeli curfews that they (Palestinians) "must pay the price for their support for Iraq".

It does not require much insight to understand that the war against Iraq was an American affair aided by other kuffaar and some Muslim governments. America had its own motives and made best use of the opportunity provided by the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

Who was executing the mass murder of Muslims and the devastation of Iraq? Everyone knows that American, British and French pilots under kufr command, not under Muslim command, carried out their murderous and savage missions in which thousands of Muslims and their properties were destroyed. There is absolutely no Shar'i justification and no Shariah support for this cruel and brutal murder of Muslims by kuffaar.

It is quite evident that this was not a case of Muslims seeking the aid of non-Muslims to fight other kuffaar. It was a case of the kuffaar enlisting Muslim aid to savagely destroy Muslims and their land. There is, therefore, no Islamic condonation for the claims of Saudi Arabia and Egypt echoed by their paid supporters nor is there sound Shar'i basis for the view held by some sincere, albeit misinformed, Ulama that the conflict was a purely Muslim affair in which some kuffaar were asked to provide some aid to expel the aggressor.

The war in Iraq even if it was not a classic war for the Deen—this is conceded—nevertheless, it was a valid Shar'i Jihaad in that Iraq, a Muslim country, was fighting an invading kaafir force bent on killing its people and destroying its land. A war in defence of the life, blood, honour and property of Muslims is a Jihaad decreed obligatory by the Shariah.

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ISLAMIC JIHAD

The Islamic concept of Jihaad has been grossly misunderstood and misrepresented by most Muslims who have voiced themselves on the subject. Jihaad is far from the defensive war which apologists among Muslims wish their western intellectual masters to understand.

Jihaad is a Fardh-e-Kifaayah obligation on the Ummah. It is an obligatory and a sacred duty like Salaat and Hajj. It is a duty which has to be executed at all times right until the Last Day.

In the initial stage of Islam, i.e. during the stay in Makkah, the obligation was Hijrah (to migrate). Migration in the early phase of Islam was a Fardh requirement. Afterwards Hijrah was cancelled as a Fardh duty and in its place Jihaad was ordained.

Jihaad does not depend on the initiation of aggression or hostilities by the kuffaar. Jihaad requires that Muslim rulers despatch their forces to kuffaar lands with the clear mission of Da'wah. The kuffaar rulers of the country have to be given the Message of Islam. If they refuse to accept Islam, the option of Jizyah will apply. (Jizyah is a tax which the non-Muslim citizens in an Islamic state have to pay). If this option is rejected, the only course left is war against the kuffaar.

In its demand on the Ummah for Jihaad, Islam will not show any respect for United Nations resolutions and charter. Islam has its own charter and will pass its own resolutions. In fact, all its resolutions have already been divinely passed and are extant with the Ummah in the Qur'aan and the Sunnah. While the world of the kuffaar will brand such Jihaad as aggression, the Ummah cannot be concerned. To them it may be aggression. To us it is the Fardh Command of Allah Azza Wa Jal.

Jihaad, Shar'i Jihaad, is waged primarily for what is known as **I'laa**

Kalimatullah or to establish the Law of Allah on earth. There is no other motive for initiating Jihaad against a non-belleg. irent non-Muslim state. The aim of Jihaad is not to capture territory merely for expanding the Muslim empire. The aim is to remove all impediments from the Path of Islam so that the Deen may be freely propagated among all people. Non-Muslims who refuse to enter the fold of Islam will be left to follow their religions on condition that the country submits to Islamic rule and that they pay the Jizyah tax.

The first step in Islamic Jihaad is **Da'wah**. If this is not accepted, the second stage is **Jizyah**. If this too is rejected, the final stage is **War**.

CIVILIANS

An Islamic war is restricted to the armies of the countries involved. The Muslim army has no permission to attack and kill civilians not participating in the armed forces of their countries unless they happen to be involved in some military capacity.

It will not be permissible for a Muslim airforce to deliberately bomb non-Muslim civilians. Similarly, missile attacks against civilians are not permissible in the Shariah.

The utilization of any weapons or methods of destruction against the armed forces of the kuffaar is permissible in Islam. The Ummah is under no obligation to submit to the terms of the Geneva Convention which is a kuffaar system of rules.

CALAMITY

FEAR SUCH A CALAMITY WHICH WILL NOT BE CONFINED TO ONLY THE TRANSGRESSORS AND KNOW THAT ALLAH IS STERN IN PUNISHMENT."

(Qur'aan). When the Ulama and the Pious abandon their duty of Amr Bil Ma'roof, the punishment of Allah becomes universal.

INTERNECINE WARFARE

"Obey Allah and His Rasool and do not dispute (among yourselves), for then you will lose courage and your wind (power) will be lost. Have Sabr. Verily, Allah is with the Saabireen."

(Qur'aan, Surah Anfaal, ayat 46)

The Qur'aan warns Muslims of the dire consequences of internecine war. When one Muslim country fights another Muslim country, only the kuffaar benefit. There is no glory and victory for Muslims in a conflict between brothers.

The greatest 'victor' emerging from the Gulf conflict is undoubtedly, Israel. While it remained overtly a silent spectator, it has gained the most. Its benefits include:

- * Splitting the ranks of the Arabs in their former united opposition for Israel.
- * Saudi Arabia and some other Arabs not only inclining towards Israel but displaying active hostility to the Palestinians.
- * The strongest Arab state which could have ultimately eradicated Israel reduced to its knees, crippled and impotent.
- * Israel, under the Gulf conflict pretext, receiving massive arms aid from the west and elsewhere making it now the dominant military power in the Middle East.
- * Formerly only Egypt had officially recognized Israel. Now, several other Arab states will be constrained by America to

follow suit.

* The kuffaar have been provided with a firm foothold in the Middle East.

* The wealth of the Muslim oil-lands has been effectively bonded to the west for many years to come.

* Both Iraq and Kuwait are totally devastated and destroyed.

These are the harmful and heart-rending consequences which have come in the wake of ignoring Qur'aanic commands. In this respect all Muslim countries in the Middle East are guilty. Iraq has sinned for having invaded Kuwait even if it had valid grounds for its claim. Saudi Arabia & Co. have sinned by having ignored the Qur'aanic perscription for resolving the conflict and for having provided the devils of the west a golden opportunity to take advantage of internal or local Muslim strife.

Muslims have abandoned Islam, have followed the kuffaar and have given mundane greed and worldly motives priority in their lives, hence Allah Ta'ala has overwhelmed them with the forces of kufr. Cruel men with barbaric desires and savage emotions have been appointed to destroy and devastate Muslims and their lands. Centuries ago the Mongol hordes of savages devastated Baghdad. Today the devastation of Baghdad was at the hands

of the savages of the west. But, there is the Invisible Hand of Allah Ta'ala steering these savages and allowing them to succeed in their acts of barbarism against Muslims who intransigently have chosen blindness refusing to see the causes of their defeat upon defeat, disgrace upon disgrace. May Allah Ta'ala help this crippled and wandering Ummah drifting rudderlessly in a stormy ocean of kufr, baatil and bid'ah.

ONLY ALLAH'S AID

Muslims who truly believe in the Quadrat of Allah and who submit themselves to the life-style of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) and the Sahaabah do not require kuffaar aid in war. The Qur'aan Majeed declares: **"Allah is adequate for the Mu'mineen in war. And, Allah is Powerful and Great."**

In spite of Allah's assurance, Muslims because of their abandonment of Islam, look towards America, Britain and Russia for aid. These very kuffaar who pretend to be allies of Muslims not only desert them in their hour of need, but they actively plot the destruction of Muslims so that they may capture and swallow the lands of Islam. But, Muslims no longer possess the intelligence to discern these plots of the kuffaar.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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Q. A well-known Mufti has spoken of Saddam Husain's doubtful Imaan. He doubts whether Saddam is a Muslim. When it was mentioned to him that Saddam was seen making Tawaaf of the Ka'bah as well as performing Salaat, he said that these are not proof of Imaan. He further added that if Saddam should be victorious he may commit many un-Islamic deeds. Please comment.

A. The Mufti Saheb has erred grievously in his comments on Saddam Husain. Perhaps you misheard or misunderstood the Mufti Saheb. It is inconceivable that a true Mufti can say the things attributed to him in the question. As long as there are no clear-cut statements or acts of kufr coming from a person, his performance of Salaat, Tawaaf and other exclusive acts of Islam are proof of Imaan. No one knows what is in the heart of others. Saddam's Imaan cannot be doubted on the grounds of his fisq (transgression of the Shariah). Almost all Muslims are involved in some degree of fisq and fujoor. If Saddam's Imaan is in doubt because of his fisq and fujoor, then by the same token the Imaan of all other Muslim leaders and rulers, in fact the Imaan of the entire Ummah is in doubt. Saddam cannot be singled out for such doubt. It is indeed a very serious sin to cast doubt on a man's Imaan when he adheres to the Shar'i acts of Ibaadat and when he proclaims himself a Muslim. Yes, if there are known acts and statements of kufr which a person makes, then only can he be branded as a kaafir even if he performs Salaat and goes for Hajj.

As for his possible commission of 'anti-Islamic acts' should he have been victorious, it must be said that the allegation is not befitting a man of IIm. Almost every Muslim ruler and government are guilty of un-Islamic, anti-Islamic and evil acts. With the aid of kuffaar, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia have emerged 'victorious', but they are guilty of many un-Islamic and anti-Islamic acts. What a person may or possibly do in the future cannot be held against him in the present time. His possible future acts have nothing to do with the present conflict.

Q. A certain Sheikh said the war in Iraq would have been a Jihaad only if Musjids were also bombed. Since the allies did not attack Musjids, it was not a Jihaad. Is this reasoning correct?

A. His reasoning is utterly baseless and stupid. Of greater importance than Musjids are Muslims. A Muslim human being has greater value in Islam than a Musjid. Further, this sheikh has presented a stupid figment of his imagination. There is absolutely no Shar'i support for his baseless opinion.

Q. The sheikh also said that as long as the attacking kuffaar do not prevent Muslims from Salaat the war will not be Jihaad. Please comment.

A. It appears that this man is a 'sheikh' only in name. He cannot be possessing proper Deeni Knowledge. His claim is stupid and has no foundation in the Shariah. When the kuffaar attack Muslims, the ensuing war is undoubtedly a Jihaad.

Q. Is it permissible to enlist non-Muslims in a Jihaad?

A. Under certain conditions it is permissible. These conditions are discussed on page 9.

Q. It has been reported that Saddam Husain has said that one of his mistakes was not to have attacked Saudi Arabia in the beginning. If he had, the outcome of the war would have been different. Please comment.

A. If the report attributed to Saddam is correct, then he was speaking from the military viewpoint, not from the Shar'i angle. After having invaded Kuwait, the question of invading Saudi Arabia as a preemptive measure to thwart the impending invasion by the forces of imperialism led by America, cannot be answered off-hand. Many factors of which we have no first-hand knowledge have to be considered before a proper evaluation in the light of the Shariah can be made of this hypothesis.

However, from the purely military angle, it seems that Saddam made a tactical error by not invading Saudi Arabia and by waiting for the kuffaar to attack. He should have attacked long ago while the kuffaar were still engaging in their troops build-up. If he had attacked in full force as the kuffaar entered the Gulf, he would have caused havoc with devastating casualties in lives and equipment to the coalition forces even though the outcome may finally have been against him. Nevertheless, his defeat would not have been so humiliating as it is now. The duty of the airforce is to fight, not to be concealed in Iran. A fight to the finish—to the bitter end—would have been a far honourable and glorious proposition than the present humiliating situation where the forces of kufr are still occupying large parts of Iraq and are dictating humiliating conditions which Iraq has just got to accept.

Q. One learned man said that the Hadith, 'Al-Qaatilu wal maqtool finnaar' applied to the Gulf war, hence it was not permissible for Muslims to have participated. Is this view correct?

A. The translation of the Hadith is: "The killer and the killed will be in the Fire." It is not correct to claim that this Hadith applies to the Gulf war in which the American-led kuffaar attacked and murdered Iraqi Muslims. Since the war was between Kuffaar and Muslims, the Hadith does not apply to the Gulf war. If the fight was between only Muslims (Iraq and Kuwait), then it could be said that the Hadith may apply to such a situation.

Q. One Aalim says that Saddam Husain is a Mulhid and should not be supported.

A. A Mulhid is a kaafir. A person who claims to be a Muslim but subscribes to one or more kufr beliefs is termed a Mulhid in the Shariah. The one who avers that Saddam Husain is a Mulhid will have to brand almost every Muslim ruler as Mulhid. As far as Saddam Husain is concerned we have thus far not heard of any kufr beliefs attributed to him although we have heard many unconfirmed and unreliable reports of fisq committed by Saddam. On the contrary, there are reliable and confirmed reports of kufr acts and laws enacted by the Muslim governments of some Muslim countries. The Aalim who claims that Saddam Husain is a Mulhid should provide reliable reports and proper Shar'i grounds for his accusation. Also, he should be asked for the reason for sigling out Saddam for this epithet. Why not the others as well? It is not befitting for a Muslim to behave so negatively and attempt to decry Iraq's stand against the American-led coalition. No matter what has transpired and no matter how much Saddam may have erred by his invasion of Kuwait, it was expected of all Muslims to unitedly support him on his brave stand against the combined might of kufr

attacking Muslims under the command of America, the leader of the Shayaateen. In times of distress, Muslims are supposed to come to the aid of their bretheren, not to stand at a distance like cowards pointing accusing fingers in womanish style at the brother embroiled in a life and death struggle against the armies of Iblees. If there is a Shar'i need to renew our mutual disunities and disputes for the sake of Haqq, then this could be done after the common danger has passed by. The fight was between Iraq and a world of kuffaar savagely attacking, killing and destroying Muslims. How callous can a Muslim become and how degenerate a level can he fall to hurl evil epithets at a brother who is in the process of being murdered by the enemies of Islam?

Q. How could the Gulf war have been a Jihaad as you claim? Saddam Husain is corrupt. He perpetrated heinous atrocities against the Iranians. He has just used religion to gain the support of the Muslim masses. His wars can never be Jihaad. What is your proof for saying that Iraq's war was Jihaad?

A. Your letter makes it abundantly clear that you are totally ignorant of the Shariah. You not only lack Islamic Knowledge, you in addition are bigotted, dense in the understanding and incapable of comprehending what you read. We have explained very clearly in simple terms why the Iraqi war was a Jihaad. If you are too stupid to understand or if you are biased against Saddam Husain, we cannot make you understand. The issue is not one pivoting on Saddam. But, you are incapable of understanding. It is, therefore, best to say Salaam to you.

Q. In the Gulf war Iraq fired many Scud missiles into Israel killing civilians, including old people, women and children. Does Islam permit this against the enemy?

A. Islam does not allow killing of civilians, especially old people, women and children. While this is the ruling of the Shariah, we do not say that it applies to Iraq's missile attacks against Israel as we are not aware of the targets intended by Iraq. If the intention was to strike only military and allied installations, not ordinary people, then the missile attacks were fully justified and necessary. If the intention was to kill civilians, then it was wrong, un-Islamic and not permissible. Since we do not know of the Iraqi intentions and since we cannot accept the biased and unreliable reports of the western media, we cannot authoritatively comment on the Iraqi missile attacks.

Q. The Qur'aan forbids fleeing from the battlefield. How will you interpret the Iraqi retreat from the battlefield in the light of this Qur'aanic prohibition?

A. The very same aayat which forbids fleeing from the battlefield, permits 'fleeing' for a valid reason, e.g. to link up with the main army or to re-inforce a weak point in the defense or to defend more important places which the enemy is targetting. The Qur'aanic prohibition applies to fleeing because of fear. It is, undoubtedly, haraam to flee from the battlefield because of the fear of death or for the fear of the enemy. The real reasons for Iraq's sudden and hasty withdrawal from its defensive positions in Kuwait are not known to us. We, therefore, cannot categorically claim that Iraq's retreat was fleeing in fear from the battlefield. Our own reading of the situation is that Iraq realized too late

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that the main thrust of the American attack was directed at Iraq itself, not at the troops dug-in in Kuwait. The troops had, therefore to be hastily withdrawn under hazardous conditions, to defend Iraq itself. The choice was between Iraq and Kuwait. We therefore do not interpret Iraq's withdrawal as 'fleeing from the battlefield'.

Q. If the war in the Gulf was a Jihaad, why did Iraq lose so disastrously? If it was a Jihaad, Divine aid was expected to be on Iraq's side. But such aid did not materialize. The war being a Jihaad is doubtful.

A. There is no doubt in the fact that in terms of the Shariah the Iraqi war was a Jihaad. Divine aid for every Jihaad campaign is not necessary. Islam does not claim that Allah's Nusrat will be with everyone who wages Jihaad. While the Iraqi war was a Jihaad, it was shorn of barkat. There was no Nusrat, hence the severe set-back suffered by Iraq. The Jihaad was deprived of Allah's Aid because of a number of factors which we shall not discuss here.

Q. During the Gulf crisis a number of rumours was circulating about dreams in which Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) appeared. All the dreams reported by different people were supportive of Saddam Husain. If Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) did in fact support Saddam Husain in the dreams as reported by various people, including the Imaam of Musjid-e-Nabawi, then how is it that Iraq was so badly defeated by the kuffaar?

A. Firstly, all the rumours in this regard were unsubstantiated. The reliability of the reports has never been confirmed. Secondly, if the reports are true, it does not follow that Iraq had to be victorious in this conflict. None of the reports about dreams which we have heard and read states that Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) declared that Iraq would be victorious in this conflict. If the reports are true, they merely serve to convey that the Iraqi war was a Jihaad and those who supported the kuffaar in the devastation of Iraq are in the wrong. There is also a tendency among people to fabricate dreams in support of their leaders and cause. One cannot, therefore, form any accurate conclusion on the basis of such rumours.

Q. The question I am asking is purely out of interest. It did not apply to South African Muslims, but did concern American Muslims serving in the United States armed forces. If South Africa had also been part of the America-led coalition against Iraq and there were Muslims in the South African army, what should have been their stand as Muslims? Would it have been permissible to fight against Iraq?

A. Never would it have been permissible for the Muslim soldiers serving in the South African army to take up arms or serve in any other capacity of the army in the coalition against Iraq. The Shariah's command is clear on this issue. The Muslims in the South African army would have been obliged to refuse orders to fight against Iraq. They would have to face the consequences of their refusal. Whether it be jail or execution, it will be acceptable. But, fighting against Muslims will never be permissible. If Muslims in such a situation are forcibly transported to the fighting zone, they would be under obligation to defect to the Muslim army facing them. The Shariah will not allow them to even defend themselves against

the Muslim army which they are supposed to fight under kaafir command.

Q. You have exhorted Muslims to fight for Saddam. Are the beliefs of Saddam Hussein and party in keeping with Islamic beliefs?

A. We should ask you: Are his beliefs such beliefs of kufr which render him beyond the fold of Islam? We have made no investigation of his beliefs nor do we have any intention of so doing. If you have conclusive proof that he is not a Muslim then you should furnish your irrefutable proof. Furthermore, it is not a question of fighting for Saddam. The war there was a Jihaad on the basis of the Shariah. Saddam's character is not the issue in this ruling of the Shariah. Everyone presenting arguments against Iraq seems to be missing the main point, viz., the war is between Iraq and the American-led kuffaar.

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SAVAGES

That the Americans and British are savages, there is no gainsaying. After having destroyed Iraq and bringing unspeakable hardship to the civilians, they are extremely reluctant to lift the embargo on even essential foodstuffs. In Iraq there is an acute shortage of food, milk, and even water. The sewerage system has been totally destroyed by the bombing, resulting in the accumulation of waste spreading disease.

Children are without food and the wounded are without medical care. The suffering of the people is intense and heart-breaking, but the savages of the west remain unmoved. While these kuffaar portray an outward facade of civilization, at heart and in practice they are plain savages and barbarians. Civilized people will not behave so callously and brutally. May Allah Ta'ala destroy these agents of Shaitaan and may Allah Ta'ala guide Muslims and show them the Light of Imaan so that they realize that these kuffaar can never be their friends.

PIETY

THOSE WHO CLING TO THE QUR'AAN AND ESTABLISH REGULAR SALAAT, VERILY, WE SHALL NOT DESTROY THE REWARD OF THE PIOUS. (QUR'AAN)

Piety is lacking in the Ummah. As long as Muslims refuse to adhere firmly to the Shariah, they will perpetually remain in bondage both mentally and physically. The pivot of Islamic piety is Salaat. The whole system of Deen revolves on this pivot. It is the purpose of our existence on earth.

HATRED OF THE KUFFAAR

"O People of Imaan! Do not take as a confidant anyone besides from among yourselves (Muslims). They leave no stone unturned to harm you. They desire harm to befall you. Verily hatred (for you) has poured from their mouths (but that which their breasts conceal is worse. Verily, We have explained for you the signs, if indeed you have intelligence."

(Qur'aan, Surah Aal-e-Imraan)

Iraq has a 'friendship' treaty with the Soviet Union. The war and its aftermath must have convinced the Iraqi leadership of the hollowness of the kuffaar's friendship. In engineering post-war humiliation on Iraq, the Soviet Union is just as guilty as the Americans and British.

The five UN Security Council members have prepared a draft resolution which they contemplate pushing down Iraq's throat. Iraq on its knees, have no choice other than meekly submitting to the humiliating resolution. Among the terms of the draft prepared by the Soviet Union, America France, Britain and China are the following:

- * The destruction of Iraq's nuclear weapons.
- * Seizure of part of Iraq's oil profits.
- * Maintenance of sanctions against Iraq.
- * No permanent ceasefire until Iraq accepts all the demands.

Iraq's supposed friend, the arch-Kaafir, Russia fully supports the west in its nefarious conspiracy against Iraq. They all are of the same breed. Kufr is one breed according to the Shariah. Muslims are not allowed to consort with the enemies of Allah Ta'ala.

ROTATION OF THE TIMES

Just yesterday Iraq was a strong, respectable and feared country despite its "Third World" designation. But since its springboard was not Islam, the Shariah not guiding the destiny of the country, today it lays in ruin, devastated by the kuffaar. On its knees it is at the mercy of the kuffaar west. The United States has refused Iraq permission to use its own planes in its own country against the rebels. When Iraq attempted to use two of its aircraft against rebels, the US promptly shot them down. Allah Ta'ala says in the Qur'aan Majeed:

"These are the days which We rotate among mankind."

"O King of the World! You grant country to whomever You wish and You snatch away country from whomever You wish. You grant honour to whomever You wish and You disgrace whomever You wish."

The world and its control are in the power of Allah Ta'ala. Muslims can achieve their former position of glory only by submitting to Allah Azza Wa Jala, The Sovereign of the universe. Searching for power and honour from the kuffaar will not avail the Ummah.

INGRATITUDE

"And, remember when you were few in number and regarded as contemptible in the earth. You feared that people will snatch you. He then gave you protection and assisted you with His help and He bestowed wholesome rizq to you so that you may be grateful." (Qur'aan)

Instead of being grateful for Allah's bounties, Muslims have displayed their ingratitude with gross transgression.

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